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Message:

Enclosed please find the Amendment and Response to the Advisory Action dated November 30, 2004. Payment for the RCE Fee and the First Month Extension Fee in the amount of \$900.00 is hereby enclosed on Form PTO-2038.

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In re Application of: Bin Zhao

Serial No.: 09/686,323

Filed: October 9, 2000

For: Method of Fabricating an Interconnect
Structure Employing Air Gaps Between
Metal Lines and Between Metal Layers

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Mail Stop RCE
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Advisory Action* dated November 30, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in light of the attached *Request for Continued Examination* filed under 37 CFR §1.124 in the above-identified application.

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